

# The Man Who Was "Fixed"

By ALAN HINSDALE

When I was a young man—soon after the war between the states—I went to Kentucky. Kentucky had been a slave state, and there were a number of negroes who had been freed. These were thrown on their own resources, and many of them had a hard time to make a living.

One day I missed some clothing from my room, and the janitor of the building in which I lodged disappeared at the same time. The police were set in motion to find the janitor—Pete Martin. They succeeded, and he was brought to trial, I being his accuser. He was convicted and sent to state prison for two years.

Soon after his conviction I received a call from his former master, who said that it had been reported to him by Pete's associates that, as soon as he got out of prison he would "fix" me for having sent him up. The gentleman also told me that the convict was the only slave he had ever owned of whom he was afraid. Misery loves company, and my misery was lightened by being told that Pete had threatened to "fix" the judge who sentenced him as well as his accuser. I thanked the gentleman for his warning and told him that I would be on my guard.

Nevertheless when the time of danger came I forgot all about the matter. I had made a memorandum of the date of expiration of the convict's term; but, learning that they all get time off for good behavior, I had considered the memorandum worthless and put it away, forgetting it. It happened that in looking over some old memoranda I kept in a pigeonhole of my desk I hit upon the date of Pete's release on the very day his full time expired.

Throwing it into a wastebasket, I put the matter out of my mind. But it came back again that night when I was in bed about to go to sleep. Suppose I should awaken in the middle of the night and see the powerful figure of the negro standing over me. I could not get rid of this dread and the next day purchased a revolver, loaded it and placed it under my pillow.

One morning on taking up my paper I saw that Judge Montague, who had sentenced Pete, had been called to his door at 10 o'clock at night and shot through the heart by a man who had disappeared without having been seen by any one except his victim. The account given indicated that not the slightest clue to the murderer was in the hands of the police.

I went to the state's attorney and told him my story. He at once inquired of the warden of the prison in which Pete had been confined and learned that the convict had gained no time for good behavior, but had been released on the expiration of the term for which he had been sentenced. It was considered probable by the attorney and by me that Pete was the judge's murderer and equally probable that he would carry out his threat to "fix" me as well.

The police were instructed to look for Pete, but not to give publicity to the fact that he was wanted or that there was any clue to Judge Montague's murderer. As for me, I was to take every possible means to be ready for Pete should he carry out his threat concerning me. The chief of police wished to send a man to sleep in my house, but I concluded that this would be more trouble than it was worth. I got out my revolver, which I had discarded, saw that it was in order and loaded and had a telephone apparatus placed on a table beside my bed.

One night after all in the house were asleep there came a ring at my door-bell. I telephoned the police—by previous arrangement—that I was being called up late at night, then went to a window and called out that I would come down as soon as I could get on some clothes. A few minutes after my telephone message the policeman near my house was at my door. But whoever had rung had disappeared.

If my visitor was Pete he did not come again. Several months passed without my being molested, and I was beginning to think that Pete had concluded that it would be wiser for him to forego his revenge upon me when one night I was awakened by the flash of a dark lantern in my eyes. I believed there were burglars in the house. Taking the telephone instrument under the cover to deaden the sound, I called "Police!" giving my street and number.

I knew that there would be no waste of time by the police, and I hoped by remaining quiet the burglars would go on doing their work. At the same time, seizing my revolver, I slid noiselessly out of bed and, feeling my way to a closet, left the door ajar so that I could see out. I had not been there long before I heard a tread in the hall, then footsteps approaching my bed. I saw a figure pass a window. Whoever was in the room must have gone to the bed, felt for the occupant and, finding no one there, retraced his steps, for I heard nothing except footsteps in retreat.

Hastening to the door, I shut and locked it, then raised the window sash as softly as possible.

Seeing figures below, who I surmised were the police, I called to them to enter. They had surrounded the house and broke in at once. They hunted every nook and cranny and at last found a negro in the pariet, whom I identified at once as Pete Martin.

Pete was convicted of killing Judge Montague and explained his crime on the grounds...

An analysis of the contents of a vacuum cleaner made recently showed that the dust which had collected on the bookshelves in a library consisted of "hair, green wool, white wool, cotton fibers, celluloid, pieces of finger nails, fly wings, sand grains, wood, paper, string, metallic iron and leather. The hair was probably derived from soft hats, the wool and cotton fibers from clothing, sand from the mud tracked in on shoes and the gradual pulverizing of the floor, fly wings from dead flies and paper from book leaves."

Curiously enough, very few germs were found in this dust. Yet there is no question that inhaling it might lead to various diseased conditions. This would not be the result of any disease germs contained in the dust itself, but to the irritating effects produced by the dust particles when brought into contact with the bronchial membranes. Thus it is evident that even germ free dust may be harmful when inhaled.—Los Angeles Times.

### Clever Advertising.

An ingenious advertisement recently made its appearance on the walls and boardings of a French town. It said: "A wallet containing the sum of 500 francs and a large number of orders has been lost by a travelling salesman of the firm of X. & Co. The finder is requested to return the orders to X. & Co. and to keep the 500 francs as a reward for his trouble in so doing."

Of course everybody read the advertisement. Of course everybody said to himself that the batch of orders on X. & Co. must be a nice, fat one. Thus by a clever stratagem X. & Co. managed to diffuse among the public the impression that theirs was a large business, with an immense number of customers. "Not even the Americans," says the proud Frenchman who reports this example of Gallic enterprise, "not even the Americans could have worked the trick better."—New York Post.

### Fragrant Fern.

Some say it has the fragrance of new mown hay. It reminds others of fresh strawberries. There are also those who detect it in the perfume of the wild rose. Opinions differ as to what the fragrance resembles, but all opinions are unanimous in praising it. So they call it the fragrant fern.

It grows in small, round clumps in clefts on the face of a precipice, out of reach of collectors, who haven't the patience to hunt for it. For this reason it is not well known. Its out of the way haunts provide an effectual hiding-place.

The hardness of the fragrant fern surprises the amateur collector. It grows in full glare of the sun, in places where more common ferns would be scorched and withered. Yet the fronds remain green throughout the year, and even the year-old fronds, which turn brown at the end of the season, curl up around the roots of the plant and cling to the rocks.—Philadelphia North American.

### Use of Maps.

A board inspector, having a few minutes to spare after examining the school, put a few questions to the lower form boys on the common objects in the schoolroom.

"What is the use of the map?" he asked, pointing to one stretched across the corner of the room, and half a dozen shrill voices answered in measured articulations:

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# A Woman Detective's Story

By SADIE OLCOTT

I am a woman detective. I was once sent to decoy a desperado who was making collections ostensibly for the church. He was Aaron Burt—he passed under other names—and at the time was working in the town of Edgerton. I went there, learned that he was at a certain hotel, and he was pointed out to me in the reading room.

I entered the room and, going up to him, said: "The Rev. Mr. Burt, I believe."

"I am," he said, rising and looking at me suspiciously. "I have understood that you have great success in raising money for churches, and I would like to know if you would be willing to help me pay off a mortgage on our church at Avondale."

Avondale was a town not far from Edgerton, and I had heard that one of its churches was under mortgage, which the congregation desired to pay off. But I intended this only as a means of making Mr. Burt's acquaintance.

I described to him the situation at Avondale, stating that the people there were well to do, but needed some persuasive speaker to wake them up. I added that he would be paid for his labor, proposing that he receive the contribution himself and deduct one-third of it for himself. This I knew would please him, for there would be no difficulty in his deducting his third or, rather, of appropriating the whole contribution. He manifested a willingness to undertake the work, but protested against receiving so much compensation as a third of the amount collected. On no account would he consent to deduct more than 10 per cent. He was ready to go to Avondale as soon as I said the word. I told him that I would see the pastor and the deacon and as soon as I could get their consent would let him know.

I pretended to go to Avondale, but really returned to the sheriff, who had employed me, to arrange with him as to when and where he should send the force intended to make the arrest. It was agreed between us that he was to send one picked man to Edgerton, who was to pass himself as a commercial traveler. This man's name was Larned, and I was made acquainted with him, and we conferred together. I told him to bring the largest sample trunk he could find.

Returning to Edgerton, I told Mr. Burt that everything had been arranged at Avondale, but the evening selected for his appeal for funds had been fixed for the following Sunday, four days hence. He was not pleased at this, preferring that the work should be done at once. The truth is he did not care to remain in the same locality for so long a period. I determined, however, to hold him if possible till I could spring my trap.

I laid myself out to please him, spending a good deal of time with him. I knew that he was not interested in matters of religion and did not talk on religious subjects. I preferred to choose other topics, in which he would be more at home, my intention being when I had gained his confidence to give him to understand that I knew his character, that I was one of the same kind as himself and desired to assist him in plundering that I might share the plunder.

When I thought the time ripe I revealed the character I wished him to take me for by confessing that I expected a share in the collection I was to bring about. I saw him start, but he did not take the hint openly, and it was some time before he consented to drop the parson and talk like the villain he was. Then I told him that together we might reap a rich harvest. He caught at the idea and grew enthusiastic over it.

Having won his confidence, I kept holding up the rich hauls we would make, I joining congregations and arranging for addresses, to be followed by collections. He would disappear, leaving me to repent having put confidence in a rascal.

When all was ready for my scheme Larned appeared at the hotel, and a sample trunk of enormous size was carried to his room. It was empty, but only Larned and I knew that. I told Mr. Burt that I was bent on taking money from the commercial traveler and that I was already engaged in learning where he kept it. The next day I informed my pal that Larned had gone out and left \$500 between the mattresses of his bed, suggesting that Burt go into his room and get it while I watched. The door was supposed to be locked, and I borrowed a skeleton key from Burt with which to unlock it, though Larned had purposely left it unlocked.

I took a position in the hall and after pretending to have watched for some time called Burt and told him the coast was clear, and he went into the room for the money. He had scarcely done so when I ran in and told him that the drummer was coming up to his room.

"Get in the trunk," I said. "It is your only chance."

I raised the lid, and he got inside. I clapped the lid down on him and locked him in. Larned was waiting in another room, and as soon as I had secured the prize I called him.

Before Burt was let out he was told that he was covered and if he resisted he would be shot. He was armed, but the odds were so greatly against him that he surrendered.

I received \$200 for my share in the arrest.

### Tact and Success.

Tact is a combination of good temper, ready wit, quickness of perception and ability to take in the exigency of the occasion instantly. It is never offensive, but is a balm allaying suspicion and soothing. It is appreciated. It is plausible without being dishonest, apparently consults the welfare of the second party and does not manifest any selfishness. It is never antagonistic, never opposes, never strokes the hair the wrong way and never irritates. Tact, like a fine manner, eases the way, takes the jar out of the joints, oils the bearings, opens doors barred to others, sits in the drawing room when others must wait in the reception hall, gets into private offices when others are turned down. It admits you into exclusive circles, where wealth abounds, even though poor. It secures the position when merit is turned away. Tact is a great manager. It easily controls people, even when combined with small ability, when genius cannot get along.

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Notice to Non-Resident Defendant. Clifford A. Thomas will take notice that on the 8th day of May, 1917, L. L. Miltenberger, a Justice of the Peace, in and for Lincoln County, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$150.00 in an action pending before him, wherein John Jones, guardian and plaintiff, that property of the defendant consisting of one Premier five passenger touring car No. 75802 has been attached under this order. This cause was continued to the 25th day of June, 1917, at 9 o'clock a. m.

JOHN JONES, Guardian and next friend of Clarence Jones.

Order of Hearing. In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, in Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of William L. Antrim, deceased. The State of Nebraska, Lincoln County, SS.

On reading and filing the petition of Timothy Rufferty, praying that regular administration of said estate may be waived as provided by Sections 1356-7-8-9 and 1359 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska for the year 1913.

It is ordered that June 8th, 1917, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said estate may appear in the County Court in probate, to be heard in and for said County, and show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

This order to be printed and published for three consecutive weeks in the North Platte Tribune, a legal semi-weekly newspaper of said county, prior to said date of hearing.

GEO. E. FRENCH, County Judge.

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Road No. 405. To all whom it may concern:

The special commissioners appointed to locate a public road as follows: Commencing at the half section corner between Sections 26 and 25, township 14, range 26, thence west one and one-half miles on the section line between Sections 26, 35, and 27, 34 to the section corner between Sections 27, 34 and 28 and 33, township 14, range 26, has reported in favor of the same, and the objections thereto or claims for damages must be filed in the office of the county clerk on or before 12 o'clock noon of the 25th day of June, 1917, or such road will be allowed without reference thereto. Dated at North Platte this 17th day of April, 1917.

A. S. ALLEN, County Clerk.

Road No. 404. To all whom it may concern:

The special commissioners appointed to locate a public road as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of Section 35, town 9, range 29, running north one hundred eleven (111) rods north from the northwest corner of said quarter, thence running in a northerly westerly direction to a point one hundred one (106) rods east of the northwest corner of Section 35, town 9, range 29, thence east and terminating at the Northwest corner of Section 35, town 9, range 29, has reported in favor of the same, except that the road is to go to the south and west of tree claim in the northwest quarter of Section 35, town 9, range 29, said road to be 40 feet in width.

All objections thereto, or claims for damages must be filed in the office of the county clerk on or before 12 o'clock noon of the 25th day of June, 1917, or such road will be allowed with reference thereto. Dated at North Platte, Nebr., this 17th day of April, 1917.

A. S. ALLEN, County Clerk.

Change of Road No. 319 1/2. The consent petition of H. M. Clinette et al., asking for a change of Road No. 319 1/2 has been filed and reads as follows:

Commencing at a point or Station No. 29 on Road No. 319 1/2 in the southeast quarter of Section 35, town 10, range 27, running thence northwesterly on east side of canyon and remaining on east side of canyon through Northwest quarter of Section 35, town 10, range 27, and through the W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 36, town 10, range 27, terminating at Station No. 37 on Road No. 319 1/2 on Section line between Section 35, town 10, range 27 and Section 1, town 9, range 27, to be 1 rod in canyon and 3 rods on bank.

All parties objecting thereto or having claims for damages by reason of said change must file the same in the office of the county clerk on or before 12 o'clock noon on the 25th day of June, 1917, or the same will be granted without reference thereto. Dated at North Platte, Nebr., this 17th day of April, 1917.

A. S. ALLEN, County Clerk.

C. W. Jones, first and real name unknown, will take notice that on the 25th day of April, 1917, P. H. Sullivan, a Justice of the Peace of North Platte, Precinct No. 1, Lincoln County, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$12.35, in an action pending before him, wherein Harcourt Clothing Company, a firm is plaintiff, and C. W. Jones, first and real name unknown, defendant; that property consisting of money, as wages due, in the hands of the United Pacific Railroad Co., a corporation, has been attached under said order.

Said cause to be continued until the 15th day of June, 1917, at ten o'clock a. m.

Dated this 5th day of May, 1917, at North Platte, Nebraska.

HARCOURT CLOTHING CO. ms-25 Plaintiff.

Sheriff's Sale. By virtue of an order of sale issued from the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, upon a decree of foreclosure rendered in said Court wherein Frances A. Bennett is plaintiff, and Robert S. Hopper is defendant, and to me directed, I will on the 6th day of June, 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the east front door of the Court House in North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said decree, interest and costs, the following described property, to-wit: Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Five (5) Township Fifteen (15) North of Range Thirty (30) West of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska. Dated at North Platte, Nebr., May 7th, 1917.

A. J. SALISBURY, Sheriff.

NOTICE OF FINAL REPORT. Estate No. 1433 of John N. Bonner, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said Estate take notice that the Administratrix has filed a final account and report of her administration and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, which have been set for hearing before said court on May 18, 1917, at 9 o'clock a. m. when you may appear and contest the same. Dated April 20, 1917.

GEO. E. FRENCH, County Judge.

Notice of Petition. Estate No. 1478 of Joseph M. Wilson, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said Estate take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Joseph M. Wilson, deceased, and for the appointment of Hattie Wilson, as executrix of said will, which has been set for hearing on June 1, 1917, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Dated May 2, 1917.

GEO. E. FRENCH, County Judge.

Notice to Non-Resident Defendant. Clifford A. Thomas will take notice that on the 18th day of April, 1917, George E. French, County Judge in and for Lincoln County, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$84.65 in an action pending before him, wherein Cash M. Austin is plaintiff and Clifford A. Thomas, defendant. That property of the defendant consisting of one Premier five passenger touring car No. 75802 has been attached under this order. This cause was continued to the 1st day of June, 1917, at 9 o'clock A. M.

North Platte, Neb., April 21st, 1917.

CASH M. AUSTIN, Plaintiff.

Notice of Petition. Estate No. 1480 of Paulina Zimmer, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.